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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PORTS AND RAILWAYS AND U.S. CHROME SUPPLY

REF: (A) STATE 66608 (NOTAL); (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 279 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN CONGEN OFFICERS AND CFM DIRECTOR PINTO TEIXEIRA ON MARCH 31, PINTO TEIXEIRA MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) FOUR OF THE "SIX TO TEN" DIESEL ENGINES PURCHASED FROM SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AND ARE IN USE.

(B) SOME RADIOS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE IN USE TO AVOID SIGNALING PROBLEMS. LARGE PURCHASE OF RADIOS UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH VARIOUS FIRMS, PARTICULARLY MOTOROLA IN U.S.

(C) THE 70-30 COMPROMISE MENTIONED REFTELS BROKE DOWN DUE TO PRESSURE BY CHROME SUPPLIERS ON SAR. PINTO TEXEIRA HOPES  
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NEGOTIATE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

(D) CURRENTLY, STOCKPILES AT LOURENCO MARQUES EXHAUSTED AND SHIPPING ONCE AGAIN PILING UP IN LM AWAITING CHROME. DELIVERIES OF CHROME ORE TO LOURENCO MARQUES NOW AVERAGING 24,000 TONS PER DAY.

(E) FOLLOWING RECENT SAR STUDY, TRAINS TO LOURENCO MARQUES FROM SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN DOUBLED IN LENGTH AND IMPROVEMENTS IN LOOPS AND CROSSINGS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FACILITATE THIS.

(F) NO SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OF SIGNALING AND REPAIR FACILITIES YET MADE. ALSO BASIC TRACK REPAIR NOT BEGUN AND WILL TAKE LONG TIME (SEE REF B).

2. COMMENTING GENERALLY ON CFM, PINTO TEIXEIRA NOTED THAT CY 74 EARNINGS ABOUT THE SAME AS CY 73, THAT LOURENCO MARQUES PORTION EARNING 80 PERCENT OF CFM EARNINGS, BEIRA LINES RUNNING AT NET LOSS, NACALA LINE IMPROVING BUT RUNNING AT NET LOSS DUE TO RECENT STRIKE AND WAGE RISE. HE ADDED THAT CFM PROVIDED OVER 45 PERCENT ALL FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS IN 1974. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT SERIOUS STAFF SHORTAGE AND STATED CFM FORCED TO PROMOTE INEXPERIENCED PERSONNEL TO SENIOR TECHNICAL POSITIONS DUE TO HEAVY RETIREMENTS. TEIXEIRA NOTED HE RECENTLY VISITED PORTUGAL TO RECRUIT NEW STAFF. SUCCEEDED IN GETTING SEVERAL APPLICANTS BUT THEIR TERMS "SEVERE". THESE TERMS SUBMITTED MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL BUT NO RESPONSE AND HE NOT OPTIMISTIC.  
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